Employment Opportunities

Human Resources fact sheet

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This fact sheet answers frequently asked questions on how to obtain a position with the Department of Natural Resources.

How do I apply for a job with the Department of Natural Resources?

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources falls under the states Merit System and you must apply through the Office of Administration, Division of Personnel. For instructions on how to apply, go to http://www.oa.mo.gov/pers/howtoapply.htm

What if I don't know which job title fits my skills and education?

The Office of Administration has posted all job descriptions. You may find them at http://www.oa.mo.gov/pers/ClassSpecs/List A-F.htm

What happens after I submit my merit application?

After you have applied, you will need to take a merit examination. The examination may be a written or oral skill test, an evaluation of education and experience, or any combination of these types. After passing the examination your name will be added to a merit register.

When a vacancy occurs, the Department of Natural Resources Human Resources Program requests a certificate of eligible candidates from OA Division of Personnel.

Human Resources will send letters to eligible candidates on the certificate inquiring on their availability for the vacant position. You must respond with the required information to be considered for the position. Based upon a review of your resume and other materials provided, you may then be contacted for an interview. Due to the high number of applications that are generally received, applicants not chosen for an interview will not receive notification from the department.

Following interviews, selections are made from the top available applicants listed on the certificate.

Do all merit jobs require tests?

No, not all merit jobs require a written test. It varies among job classifications. OA Division of Personnel will notify you if a test is required. Clerical jobs and some entry-level professional jobs have written tests. Other jobs are based on a rating of education and experience.

What is a register?

A register is a list of applicants who are eligible to be hired for a job classification.

For a Merit System department to consider you for employment, your name must be included on the register for the job classification for which you would like to be considered. The OA Division of Personnel maintains the register of eligible applicants for each job classification and adds names of qualified applicants to those registers.

How will I know when I am on a register?

The Office of Administration will notify you with a verification of your score.

How long will my name stay on the register?

Your name and score are placed on a register or pool of applicants for 12 to 36 months (the length of time varies among job classifications).

How can I find out if you have any job openings?

For a list of job openings at DNR, please click <u>here</u>. (http://www.dnr.mo.gov/hr/openpositions.htm)

How do I update my merit application?

To update your merit application, contact the Office of Administration's Personnel Division at 573-751-4162, or write to PO Box 388, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0388 or e-mail persmail@mail.mo.gov.

What happens if the class I want to apply for is closed for recruitment?

If the class is closed, OA Personnel will notify you. You will be added to a mailing list should that class be reopened.

Where can I find the transfer and reemployment form?

Employees and former employees of UCP (Uniform Classification and Pay) agencies have the option of applying directly to agencies for transfer and reemployment opportunities, or applying directly to the Division of Personnel to request that their name be placed on transfer and reemployment lists. The transfer and reemployment lists, maintained by the Division of Personnel, are optional for use by the agencies and do not necessarily guarantee consideration for transfer and reemployment opportunities.

Click <u>here</u> to open the form as a Word document.

(<u>http://www.oa.mo.gov/pers/pdfdocs/TrnRempApptfrm.doc</u>) Save and complete the form on your computer, then attach it to an e-mail to the Division of Personnel.

Click here to download the form as a PDF document.

(http://www.oa.mo.gov/pers/pdfdocs/TranRempApptform.pdf) You will need to print out the application and complete it using a pen or typewriter. Then mail or fax it to:

OA Division of Personnel PO Box 388 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Fax (573) 526-5382 Because the transfer and reemployment lists are optional for agency use, we suggest you also contact our department recruiter, Michele Radney at michele.radney@dnr.mo.gov if you are looking for transfer or reemployment opportunities in the Department of Natural Resources.

For More Information

Please visit our Web page at: http://www.dnr.mo.gov/hr/index.html

Or contact:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Human Resources Program PO Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 751-3443